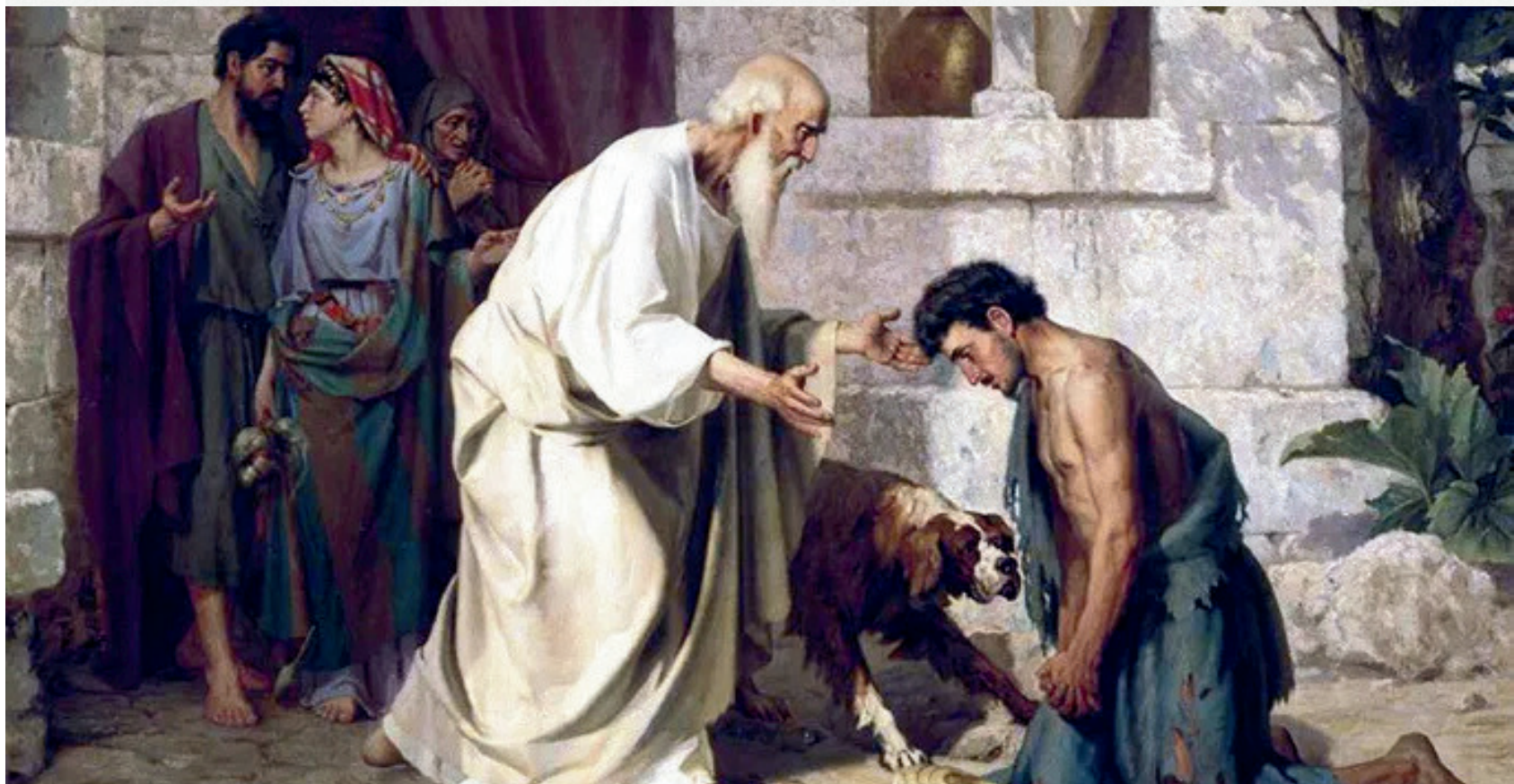




St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

WELCOMING ALL PEOPLE TO WORSHIP GOD IN THE GENIUS OF
AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY

March 30, 2025



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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PARISH INFORMATION

WELCOME TO ST. ANTHONY'S!

We welcome all new members and visitors to our parish. **Please email Kyle Hall at kyle.hall@charlestdiocese.org to register**, or you can also **register online** - scan the QR code below by opening your camera app



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 5 PM

Sunday: 8 AM, 10 AM and 12 PM (Noon)

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS

11 AM & 6 PM

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday - Friday: 11 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday: 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Or by Appointment

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Please see an Usher before Mass

PARISH OFFICE

Physical Location: 204 Douthit St.

Monday thru Thursday 9 AM - 4 PM

Friday 9 AM - 12 PM

Phone: (864) 233-7717

Website: www.stanthonysgvl.org

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES

Diocesan Office: (843) 261-0430

DO YOU NEED HELP?

Financial Assistance: (864) 233-7717 ext. 0

Catholic Charities: (864) 331-2626

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, 3/29

- 5 pm Ma May Grim †

SUNDAY, 3/30

- 8 AM Herbet Charles Marshall Jr. †
- 10 AM
- 12 PM
- 5 PM Youth Mass Special Intention for the Youth

TUESDAY, 4/1

- 11 AM Our Parish & School

WEDNESDAY 4/2

- 11 AM

THURSDAY, 4/3

- 11 AM

FRIDAY, 4/4

- 11 AM

SATURDAY, 4/5

- 5 PM Norma Gonzalez †

SUNDAY, 4/6

- 8 AM
- 10 AM
- 12 PM

It is a wonderful Catholic tradition to request a Mass Intention for loved ones; living or deceased. In fact, asking for Mass intention for the deceased is not only Catholic tradition, it is biblical (2 Maccabees 12: 38-46).

Mass intention is also a wonderful gift for any special occasion: birthday, anniversary, in thanksgiving for a prayer answered, etc.

Please call the parish office to schedule a Mass Intention.

TOGETHER WE PRAY FOR

Individuals

Alice Rigler	Elaine Greggs	Lori McGinley	Ruth Henderson
Ann Fournier	Ellaniose Johnson	Malik McCauley	Richard Palmer
Ann Moore	Eric Kuhn	Margaret Morris	Sabrina Walker
Ann Nechodom	Erica Hardy	Marie Therese Isdiore	Sammy Huguet
Annette Martin	Billy Mayes	Marilyn Daly	Sandra McNaughton
Anthony Davis	Ronnie Glenn	Martha Cotel	Sharon Bryant
Bill Higgins	Gregory Kuhn	Mary Cormican	Sharon Patton
Clarice Hanly	Hazel Hill	Mary Curran	Sherri Hoffman
Charlene Palmer	Jen Duhe	Matthew Bryson	Stephan Pleasant
Chester Williams	Jonathan Turner	Maureen Lukovic	Steve Miller
David Burnett	Joseph Neito	Megan Counihan	Stuart MacNaughton
Dee Dee	Joyce Croce	Mary Ann Turner	Tara Cleary
Dzikowicz	Julius Pinson Jr.	Melvin Armstrong	Thelma Williams
Donna Neeley	Laura Drummond	Michael Davis	Tom James
Donna Nickels	Laurie Rappl	Olivia Brown	Tyler Korybski
Dorothy Baker	Lillie Davis	Rhonda Brown	Wilbert Morgan
Drew Butterfield	Lori Cortese	Richard Cortese	Willie Davis

Families

Barb & Vern Prinzing	Karen Randall & Family	Deacon Steve & Susan Olson
Dana Lacher	Scott Cely Family	Deacon Winston Wright
Duhe Family	Michael & Ruth Walters	Juan & Christina Francisco
Catherine & Michael Branca	Tessa & George Skoniecki	
Doug, Debbie, & Barbara DeLeu	Deacon Richard Murtaugh	

Our Sick & Shut-Ins

Clenty Fair
Nicole Campbell Little

HELP FOR THOSE IN NEED

If you are sick at home or in the hospital, have a member of your family notify the parish if you are not able to notify us yourself. We care about you and want to help you when you need help from your church family. If there is someone you would like to be added on the prayer list OR removed, please contact the Parish Office: 864-233-7717 ext 2. Thank you!

PARISH REGISTRATION & SACRAMENTS

ACTIVE PARISHONER

- Weekly attendance at Sunday Mass and on Holy Days of Obligation.
- Volunteer on regular basis (**Time**)
- Active involvement in a parish ministry/organization (**Talent**)
- Weekly or monthly use of parish envelopes or online giving (**Treasure**)

PARISH REGISTRATION AND SACRAMENTS

Those seeking to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and Matrimony **must be registered members** for **at least six months** prior to reception of these Sacraments. You must be a registered member of the parish to ask for Godparent or Sponsor's form of eligibility. **To register, please email Kyle Hall at kyle.hall@charlestondiocese.org**, or you can also [register online](#) - scan the QR code below by opening your camera app.



Infant Baptism Class for Parents

Parents must be registered and active member of St. Anthony's. Class is offered on the third Thursday of every month. Pre-registration is required. Please call the office to pre-register. Baptisms are not celebrated during the Season of Lent.

First Holy Communion

Preparation begins in the first grade and continues into second grade for a total of two years of preparation. Registration for Religious Education classes takes place in August. The first day of class is the third or fourth week in August.

Confirmation

Preparation begins in the eighth grade and continues into ninth grade for a total of two years of preparation. Registration for Religious Education classes takes place in August. The first day of class is the third or fourth week of August. Adults who have not been confirmed and would like to receive the Sacrament are asked to contact the parish office.

Marriage

You must be registered and active member at least six months prior to preparation of the Sacrament. Couples should call the parish office and speak to the priest/ Deacon for pre-nuptial inquiries. Then the couple will begin formal marriage preparations at least six months prior to the wedding date.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

This is a process through which non-baptized adults known as catechumens or baptized adults who wish to convert from other faith traditions enter in communion with the Catholic Church. Classes begins in September. If you wish to become a Catholic, please call the parish office.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

- Thomas & Jenese Bolduc
- Mark & Mellissa Diblin
- Carlea Warren-Rossi
- Allan & Sarah Stratton and children, Norah and Charlotte

BULLETIN CONTENT SUBMISSION

Anyone parish group/organization wishing to submit items for publishing in the weekly bulletin should send the content to **Daffodil Behal (sapgvcomms@gmail.com)** by **end of day Tuesday** for the coming weekend's bulletin. Submissions after the deadline will be included in the Sunday email.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is not only about the needs of church, rather it is about our desires to give back to God in thanksgiving; by sharing with others the blessings the Lord has bestowed on us. If you would be interested in joining our Stewardship Committee, **please contact Jay Pitts at 864-233-7717 ext. 4.**

WEEKLY OFFERTORY PARTICIPATION

Collections for March 22-23 Masses

Envelopes/Cash	\$25,776.00
Online Giving	\$13,519.00
Total	\$39,295.00

Giving Online makes it easier and more convenient to contribute to St. Anthony's Church. Scan the QR code to the right by opening your camera app to start giving online.



The true spirit of Stewardship is "Equal Sacrifice and not Equal Giving."

SPIRITUAL LIFE

FROM THE DESK OF OUR PASTORAL ADMINISTRATOR

Fr. Emerson Rodriguez Delgado

Have you ever noticed how the most powerful stories in human history share a single, primal theme? From Homer's Odyssey to Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz, to little Nemo lost in the vast ocean, the story is the same: an adventurer sets out in search of something, only to discover a deeper longing for one thing - a way back home.

We are captivated by the journey home. But why? Perhaps it's because, deep down, we all feel like wanderers—exiles in one way or another—carrying that quiet, persistent ache for a place where we are fully known, loved, and accepted.

But here is the twist: what if the journey home isn't the epic quest we imagine? What if the distance between lostness and belonging isn't measured in miles or years, but in one single, humble turn of the heart?

Take Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son. It's spiritual dynamite. In just a few brief scenes, Jesus shatters our ideas of transactional faith and unveils a love so radical, so scandalously generous, that it defies every human concept of justice or fairness.

At the core of this story, we meet a father - a father whose actions challenge everything we think we know about love and justice. But the genius of the parable isn't just the father's love; it's how Jesus reveals two different paths that lead to the same spiritual exile. Two sons, seemingly opposite, are unveiled as spiritual twins.

The younger son's lostness? It's obvious. He runs away, squanders his inheritance, and eventually finds himself in utter ruin—feeding pigs, a disgraceful image for Jesus' Jewish audience. That, my friends, is rock bottom.

But the elder brother's story is where the parable's true depth unfolds. Outwardly, he's blameless. Obedient. Hardworking. The ideal son. But inwardly? He's eaten up with bitterness, envy, and resentment. He's near the father in body but galaxies away in spirit. Relatable much? Help us, Lord!

And here's the uncomfortable truth: most of us are both sons. (Yes, even you.) Sometimes, we're the younger—chasing shiny things that never satisfy, thinking happiness is one Amazon Prime shipment away. Other times, we're the elder—bitter, joyless, and angry when life doesn't meet our expectations. The tragedy? Neither son understands the father's love. Both are trapped in the same lie: Both believe they must earn their place in his heart, never realizing it's already theirs—freely given.

Then comes the turning point. The younger son, broken and desperate, decides to come home - not out of repentance, but sheer survival. And what does the father do? Oh, He runs to meet him, embraces him, and throws a comeback party like the boy just won the lottery. It's not just forgiveness; it's resurrection. "This son of mine was dead and is alive again!" So, let me ask: when was the last time you received forgiveness that felt like resurrection? or better yet, when was the last time you offered it to someone else? (No pressure, just something to chew on.)

But wait, the story's not over. The elder brother stands outside the party, bitter and angry. "I've worked all these years for you," he says, "and you never threw me a party!" And the father—patient, loving—pleads with him: "Son, you've been with me all along. Everything I have is already yours. But we had to celebrate—your brother was dead, and now he's alive!" And then? Silence. The story ends unresolved. Did the elder brother ever step inside? Did he let go of his bitterness and join the feast? We don't know. Why? Because Jesus wants us to wrestle with it ourselves. Which brother are you? More importantly—who will you choose to become?

My friends, the music of celebration is still playing. The father is still scanning the horizon. The door to the feast is wide open. So why are you still standing outside our community of St. Anthony, where forgiveness and unity await? Your guilt? Pride? Bitterness? Bias? Entitlement? The feast is ready, and the invitation has your name on it. The only question is: will you take the step? Will you come home today?

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

The men and women who serve in the armed forces do so with a sacrificial love for our country and the world. Lifting them up in prayer to our Lord must be our humble, and yet great support for them.

Lord, may your love encircle our military as they work across the world to install justice and peace for all. And be their hope through the difficulties and stress they face each day.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent at 6:00 PM
inside the Church

PARISH REMINDER

Parish Survey Participation Update

Dear Parishioners,

Father Emerson and the Parish Council are beginning the strategic planning process for St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. As we embark on this journey, we want to better understand the people who worship with us.

We invite you to conduct a short survey to help us gather this important information. You can **complete the survey by scanning the QR code below**. A designated box will be available in the lobby for returning complete paper surveys.

We encourage all parishioners aged 18 and older to participate. Your input will help shape the future of our parish community. Please note we want every adult in the parish to take the survey. The surveys are anonymous. The results will be tabulated and shared with the Parish Council.

Thank you for your time and support!



Scan QR code to complete the survey



Charity Raffle
Knights of Columbus
Council 1668



**Pit Boss Silver Star
3 Series Digital
Electric Smoker
(\$350 Value)**

Tickets \$10 Each

Only 100 tickets will be sold.

Drawing April 11, 2025

*Tickets available after all Masses
March 29th and 30th*

Electric Smoker



*Proceeds Benefit
Special Needs Children
& Pregnant Moms*

(Need not be present to win)



Vacation Bible School June 2-6, 2025

WE NEED ADULT VOLUNTEERS!

Sign-up sheet is in the lobby

HEALTH MINISTRY: WALK TO JERUSALEM

Please drop off the total number of steps you have taken each week in the lobby - we have a box located outside the Multipurpose Room. We will also be walking in the School Gym after each Mass. We greatly appreciate your participation!

For questions, please call Mary McNicholas:

864-630-1081

Servant Hearts

Stay connected to what's happening in the parish by joining our **Servant Hearts Flocknote** group!

Scan QR code to join the Servant Hearts Flocknote group

- Prayer Requests
- Upcoming Events
- Ministry Highlights
- Ways to Get Involved & More!



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MARCH 30TH - APRIL 6TH

SUNDAY, MARCH 30th

9:00 AM - Men's Club Breakfast
SAP Social Hall

9:00 AM - First Communion
Trunk Sale
Classroom D

1:30 PM - Women's Council
SAP Social Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 31st

7:00 PM - OCIA
SAP Social Hall

TUESDAY, APRIL 1st

6:30 PM - Living Waters
Bible Study
Zoom

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2nd

6:00 PM - Religious Education
Assigned Classrooms

MINISTRY LIFE

RSVP for our Mini Lent Retreat

Saturday, April 5th, 2025 at 3:00 PM in the Church

As we journey through this sacred season of Lent, we invite you to join us for a transformative retreat focused on Encountering Jesus and Finding Living Water. Lent is a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal, and we believe that this retreat offers a unique opportunity to draw closer to the heart of God. Through quiet prayer, meditation, and sacred reflection, we will seek to experience the deep, living water that only Jesus can provide—a water that refreshes our souls, heals our hearts, and strengthens our spirits for the journey ahead.

During the retreat, we will:

- Reflect on Scripture passages that invite us to encounter Jesus as the source of living water.
- Spend time in prayer and stillness, opening ourselves to the transforming presence of Christ.
- Participate in meaningful discussions and reflections on how to live out the message of Lent in our daily lives.
- Experience a deeper connection with God, allowing His presence to renew and refresh us.

This retreat is an invitation to step away from the busyness of life, to pause and listen for the voice of God, and to drink deeply from the well of living water that sustains us in every season.

Details:

- **Date:** Saturday, April 5th, 2025
- **Time:** 3:00 PM
- **Location:** Inside the Church
- **RSVP:** See below
- **What to Bring:** A quiet heart, a Bible, and an open spirit to encounter the living Jesus.

We look forward to walking with you during this holy season as we seek to encounter Jesus, the true source of living water, and to experience His life-changing love and grace.



Scan QR code to RSVP
for the Lent Retreat

Living Waters Bible Study

Please join us on **Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM** for Bible Study via Zoom, or in-person every 3rd Tuesday of the month in Classroom A. Please reach out to Nicky or Lillie Jones at: 864-832-4011 or 864-832-4012.

Youth Ministry

The Youth Ministry will be meeting **this Sunday, March 30th at 5:00 PM for a special Mass given by Fr. Emerson**. After Mass there will be a meal provided for the youth. We will also be making blessing bags and there will be discussion about alms giving for Lent. We look forward to seeing you there!

And Because He Lives

A Play for St. Anthony of Padua - Directed by Stan Greggs

Please join us on Palm Sunday, **April 13th at 5:00 PM** in Church for *And Because He Lives* play focusing on Jesus' miracles.

Women's Council



The Women's Council received the Spirituality Award for our program on "Laudato Si." Council Spirituality chair Mary Williams organized and presented the program. President Carol Moeller accepted the award at the **94th South Carolina Council of Catholic Women's Convention, March 21-23 in Charleston, SC**. Other highlights include St. Anthony of Padua's Women Council Member, Kathleen Merritt was elected as Secretary to the SCCCW Executive Board. Our Gardner's Basket bought in lots of money at the market place, Kathleen won the bicycle, Jessie Bowens won the \$\$\$\$ quilt, and the blessings we received for being among **over 100 of our sisters in Christ from across the state of South Carolina** was awesome! The Greenville Deanery represented! Thank you to our host, the Charleston Deanery!

MARCH 30TH - APRIL 6TH

THURSDAY, APRIL 3rd

9:15 AM Women's Bible Study
SAP Social Hall

FRIDAY, APRIL 4th

5:00 PM - Fish Fry
SAP Social Hall
6:00 PM - Stations of the Cross
Church

SATURDAY, APRIL 5th

9:30 AM - Prayer Shawl Ministry
Multipurpose Room
10:00 AM - Pickleball
School Gym
3:00 PM - Mini Lent Retreat
Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 6th

9:00 AM- Men's Club Breakfast
SAP Social Hall
6:00 PM- Youth Ministry
Activity Night
SAP Social Hall

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL

The **annual Spelling Bee at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School** was a resounding success, showcasing the linguistic talents and determination of its students in First through Fifth grade. This cherished event brought together the school community for an afternoon of friendly spelling competition.

The event was expertly coordinated by Joy Battle, whose meticulous planning ensured a seamless experience for the Spelling Bee participants. Simone Jameson, a celebrated journalist from WSPA, served as the emcee. Her engaging presence and eloquence kept the audience captivated and the participants motivated throughout the competition.

The panel of judges, comprised of Sharon Scovil, Kyle Hall, and Susu Drennon, brought their expertise and fairness to the table. Their keen attention to detail and encouragement for the contestants created an atmosphere of support and respect.

The Spelling Bee not only highlighted the students' hard work and preparation but also underscored the importance of community and collaboration. Congratulations to all the participants and organizers for making this event a shining example of academic spirit!

